

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2638, CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Ms. SUTTON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-875) on the resolution (H. Res. 1488) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Ms. SUTTON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-876) on the resolution (H. Res. 1489) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LANCE CORPORAL ERIC PAUL VALDEPEÑAS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6874) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepeñas Post Office Building," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6874

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. LANCE CORPORAL ERIC PAUL VALDEPEÑAS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 156 Taunton Avenue in Seekonk, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepeñas Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lance Corporal Eric Paul Valdepeñas Post Office Building".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 351) honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1783, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON RES. 351

Whereas, in response to the financial difficulties of the times, the Continental Congress departed the city of Philadelphia suddenly due to a possible uprising by discontented Continental Army soldiers who had not been paid;

Whereas the President of the Continental Congress, Elias Boudinot, established a temporary capital at Princeton "in order that further and more effective measures may be taken for suppressing the present Revolt, and maintaining the Dignity and Authority of the United States";

Whereas members of the Continental Congress were instructed to meet in Princeton on June 26, 1783;

Whereas the 300 residents of Princeton took members of the Congress into their homes;

Whereas Princeton University offered the prayer hall and the library in Nassau Hall for Congress to use to conduct the governmental business of the United States;

Whereas the Congress conducted essential business in Nassau Hall, which helped shape the foreign relations of the fledgling Nation;

Whereas General George Washington was called to Princeton by a letter from President Boudinot to receive the formal thanks of the Nation for his dedicated service as commander-in-chief;

Whereas, on August 18, General Washington left Major General John Knox in charge of the encamped army at Newburgh, New York, and traveled with a guard of dragoons and his wife, Martha Washington, to the Rockingham estate in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, which was made available for his use over the next three months;

Whereas General Washington met with the Continental Congress in Nassau Hall on August 26 and received the public thanks of his country for his success in the struggle for liberty;

Whereas, in late October at Rockingham, Washington completed writing his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States dismissing the troops and announcing his retirement;

Whereas, while Congress was meeting in Princeton, the Treaty of Paris was signed in Paris by John Adams, John Jay, and Benjamin Franklin on September 3, 1783, marking the end of the American Revolution and establishing the boundaries of the new Nation; and

Whereas Congress departed Princeton in early November 1783 to winter in Annapolis, Maryland: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the 225th Anniversary of the*

Continental Congress meeting at Nassau Hall in Princeton, New Jersey, should be commemorated.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAMING OF PITTSBURGH

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1000) to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the Continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1000

Whereas the Forks of the Ohio at today's Pittsburgh should forever be remembered as the place where an army of British and Colonial soldiers took control of Fort Duquesne from the French, a turning point in the French and Indian War, the first world war;

Whereas the British victory in the French and Indian War sowed the seeds of Colonial discontent with British rule, beginning the chain of events that led to the American Revolution;

Whereas the British Army under the leadership of General John Forbes built the first road across the Allegheny Mountains, thus securing the Gateway to the West for British and later American settlement;

Whereas General Forbes and Colonel George Washington named the location Pittsburgh, in honor of William Pitt the Elder;

Whereas Fort Pitt provided a safe haven for peoples from around the world to follow in Forbes' and Washington's footsteps to travel to Pittsburgh to settle the continent and to pioneer advancements in industry, science, technology, education, the environment and the arts;

Whereas Pittsburgh went on to become the Crucible of the Industrial Revolution, producing glass, steel, and aluminum that have a place in every American skyline; and perfecting the technologies that made it possible for alternating current to illuminate the Nation;

Whereas the people of the Pittsburgh region pioneered modern philanthropy, implemented the first smoke control regulation, developed the polio vaccine, and conquered rejection of transplanted organs, improving countless lives worldwide;

Whereas Pittsburgh is today a global leader in such emerging fields as materials science, regenerative medicine, nanotechnology, electro-optics, robotics, data storage, computer science, and commercial nuclear power;

Whereas Pittsburgh is home to more than 100 multi-billion dollar global corporations